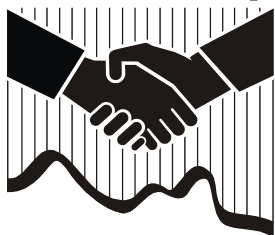


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Planning Partnership Collaborates with Stormwater Management Project

Joanne Gerson, Program Committee Chairperson, met on August 31 with Jim Rozelle and Marty Umberg, Stormwater Management Project staff. At the meeting, the regional implications of the Stormwater Management project and the stringent deadlines that have to be met were discussed. "There is a great need to inform the communities in Hamilton County of the Stormwater Management Project findings" said Mr. Umberg. The Partnership has agreed to support the Stormwater Management initiative with a speakers bureau that will schedule periodic presentations to Planning Commission and Council meetings, to post notices related to the Stormwater Project in the Planning Partnership ListServ, and to co-sponsor a Public Forum on Stormwater Management (tentative date: November, 2001). Deanna Kuennen from Springfield Township has been appointed the Planning Partnership representative to the Stormwater Management Committee.

Planning Commissioners' Training Being Designed

The goal of this semi-annual training seminar for planning commissioners (and other citizens engaged in community planning) is to sustain and improve the effectiveness and productivity of planning commissions in the region. A survey of planning commissioners in Hamilton County conducted during the month of July showed an overwhelming interest in opportunities for formal planning commission training and a widespread desire by planning commissioners to become more productive and effective, to assure legally defensible decisions, and to become more familiar with evolving tools and techniques for planning commissioners. To help design an effective program that is responsive to the needs and preferences of planning commissioners in this region, Tim Nolan, a consultant with vast experience in curriculum design will conduct a focus group / work session on October 10th. A group of about 12 commissioners representing different communities and perspectives have been invited to help identify the essential tasks and skills, as well as the products and processes necessary to perform and excel in the job of planning commissioner.

Support Grows for Community Compass

The Hamilton County Commissioners kicked off the countywide plan "Community COMPASS" on August 30, by announcing their support to the process that aims to include the entire county in the planning process. Members of the COMPASS Steering Team, including representatives from the public, private and civic sectors, were also present to show their support and commitment to the process.

"Community COMPASS" enters a phase of intense public participation to develop a vision for Hamilton County's future. Eleven Community Forums will be held throughout the county to enable citizens' participation. To find out the location and date of the Community Forum most convenient for you please visit www.communitycompass.org on the Web or call the information hotline 946-4505. The "Community COMPASS" Steering Team will use the input gathered from the Community Forums to develop goals for the county at the November 15th Goal Writing Workshop. The public will be invited to the 1,000-person Countywide Town Meeting on January 12th to discuss these goals and delve deeper into the tough issues facing the county. Look for more information about "Community COMPASS" in future editions of *The Planning Partnership Update*.

You are invited to join the Partnership!

Friends and colleagues of Hamilton County,

The multiplicity of initiatives of individuals in this County involved with public, private and civic organizations are endless. You just have to check your calendar of events to see how many meetings there are to attend, to the point that now you are starting to ponder whether to get involved in one more...

I invite you to carefully consider joining the Planning Partnership.

Because of its inclusiveness, the Planning Partnership will become the best countywide forum for establishing a dialogue between elected and appointed officials, regional and community planners, government agencies and the public concerned with planning issues throughout the County.

For example, the preparation of a county-wide plan (Community COMPASS) rallies a crosssection of county residents and gives them an opportunity to voice their concerns and hopes.

The Capital Improvement Priority Setting Methods Workshop Series responds to the expressed Partnership members' interest in how to increase the amount of State capital improvement funding that the County receives.

The Certified Planning Commissioners' Program is an answer to the lack of training opportunities for planning commissioners to increase their effectiveness and efficiency when making recommendations to the legislative body.

Our membership continues to grow; the Partnership now includes 27 political jurisdictions in Hamilton County, representing 88% of the total population and 80% of the land area of the County. We are also expanding involvement in the community through our affiliate member outreach efforts. The Planning Partnership is pleased to include both the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency and Citizens for Civic Renewal as the inaugural Affiliate Members.

If your community or organization would like more information on how to become a member of the Planning Partnership, please contact me or any other member of the Membership committee. Through the Partnership we can work together to keep Hamilton County an attractive, livable, vital community that will be able to compete both regionally and nationally well into the future.

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Chairperson Membership Committee

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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New Study Will Identify Costs of Government Services

The Planning Partnership is about to initiate a study of the "Cost of Government Services." The study will map trends of expenses and revenues of all communities in Hamilton County. It will include useful information for local jurisdictions with regard to taxes for existing residents, that could potentially be used to develop strategies to assure long-term economic sustainability, open space conservation, and development benchmark standards. This study is one of the foundation reports being prepared for the countywide plan Community COMPASS. The Executive Committee at its August 28th meeting appointed an Ad-hoc committee to provide oversight of the consultant work program and interpretation of the data (fiscal and service level) gathered from municipalities and townships. Appointed to this committee were: Cecil Osborne, City of Springdale, Josh Whitehead, Citizens for Civic Renewal, Tom Moeller, City of Madeira, Joe Sykes, Miami Township, Adam Goetzman of Green Township, and a representative of the City of Cincinnati. The official kick-off of this project will be at the September 26th Executive Committee meeting.

State Capital Improvement Funding for Hamilton County

This is a recurrent question among the many public, private and civic organizations in Hamilton County. The Program Committee tackled this issue by organizing a series of workshops to inform and educate Planning Partnership members of State funding schedules and procedures and of methods used by other organizations to prioritize projects and get major funding.

Steve Stevens, Vice-President of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Joe Cottrill, Liaison Hamilton County Engineer's Office to the District 2 Integrating Committee, and Bob Schuler, State Representative 1993-2000 were the presenters at the sessions held on July 31, August 14 and August 28.

Requests for state funding of capital improvements are most successful when business, civic, and government leaders are able to present a unified request. Legislators from Greater Cincinnati (Southwest Ohio Caucus) have been requesting a more unified process for years. State Representative Patricia Clancy, Ohio House Majority Leader, will be the keynote speaker at the final of the "Capital Improvement Priority Setting Methods" Workshop Series. The Workshop/Forum will be held on October 1st at the Springfield Senior Center.

Civic Sector Organizations Join the Planning Partnership

Welcome to our newest Affiliate members: Citizens for Civic Renewal (CCR) and the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency. The Planning Partnership encourages public, private and civic sector organizations engaged in community planning in Hamilton County to join the Partnership so that mutual goals related to physical, economic and social issues can be planned for comprehensively and achieved collaboratively.

Business Plan for the Partnership discussed on September 26th

The Planning Partnership's business plan will be presented for discussion and feedback at the September 26th Executive Committee meeting. The Plan is a recommendation of the Organizational Strategy Committee. The proposal identifies key actions strategies to implement in order to achieve the Partnership's desired outcomes.

New Home Improvement Program (H.I.P.) created for Hamilton County

On Friday, June 22nd, Todd Portune, County Commissioner sponsored a work session to explain the details of his proposal for the new Home Improvement Program set to kick-off in January of 2002. The proposed low-interest home improvement program will allow homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes at an interest rate no less than three percentage points below the rate that would otherwise apply to the borrower. Howard Katz, Director of Planning and Policy for Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office, and one of the panel members, explained the details of their very successful H.E.L.P. (Housing Enhancement Loan Program), which will be used as a model for Hamilton County's new program. The loans must be used to pay for alterations, repair, or improvement of a residence that protects or improves its basic livability and enhances the property's value. Code compliance and physical improvements related to condominium conversion are permitted. One of the few restrictions are that the borrower must be current on property tax payments. Final details of the program are still being made. For further information about the program please contact 513-946-4401.

Planning Partnership Website Improved

Work continues to update and expand the Planning Partnership website. Information regarding upcoming events, reports, as well as summaries of meetings of the various committees and programs can be accessed at <http://www.hamilton-co.org/hcrpc/planptrn>.

UPDATE is The Planning Partnership's Newsletter: Got News?

This is a quarterly publication that reports events of interest to our members. To contribute with articles or news to the upcoming edition, please contact Catalina Landivar-Simon at 513-946-4455 or catalina.landivar@rpc.hamilton-co-org.



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Upcoming Events

October

Event	Date	Time	Location	Contact
Program: Committee Forum: Capital Improvement Priority Setting Methods	October 1	8:00 – 11:00 am	Springfield Township Senior Center	Joanne Gerson 793-2648
COMPASS Facilitator Training (Pick 1 of 3)	October 1 October 2	4-6 pm; 7-9 pm 8-10 am	County Admin. Bldg. 805; Drake Hospital Conference Center	Paul Smiley 946-4469
Membership Committee	October 2	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Wyoming Administration Building	Adam Goetzman 598-3060
COMPASS Community Forum (Youth)	October 9	10:00 am – 12:30 pm	Paul Brown Stadium	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 9	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Scarlet Oaks Vocational School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 10	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Colerain High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
Certified Planning Commissioners' Program – Focus Group	October 10	8:00 am – 12:00pm	Drake Conference Center – Room "E"	Catalina Landivar-Simon 946-4455
COMPASS Community Forum	October 11	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Harrison High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 13	9:00 – 11:00 am	Taft High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 15	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Woodward High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 15	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Carson School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 16	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sycamore High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 17	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Mariemont High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 17	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Withrow High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 18	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Aiken High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
COMPASS Community Forum	October 18	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Oak Hills High School	Paul Smiley 946-4469
Executive Committee	October 25	9:00 – 11:00 am	Drake Conf. Center Room H – Level A	Bob Schuler 891-6293

November

Committee	Date	Time	Location	Contact
COMPASS Goal Writing Workshop	November 15	7:30 am – Noon	Winton Woods Mill Race Lodge	Steve Johns 946-4457
Executive Committee	November 29	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Drake Conf. Center Room H – Level A	Bob Schuler 891-6293

December

Committee	Date	Time	Location	Contact
Executive Committee	December 13	9:00 – 11:00 am	Drake Conf. Center Room E – 1 st Floor	Bob Schuler 891-6293

January

Committee	Date	Time	Location	Contact
COMPASS Countywide Town Meeting	January 12	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Music Hall Ballroom	Steve Johns 946-4457
Executive Committee	January 24th	9:00 – 11:00 am	Drake Conf. Center Room H - A Level	Bob Schuler 891-6293